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Column One

By David Courtney

HARD things are said of Tel Aviv. It is noisy; its architecture undistinguished; its street scenes fevered and garish; its seafront monstrously vulgar; its social life crude and cafe-ridden; its culture pretentious and provincial. There is a touch of truth in the hard sayings: that degree of it which could be said of any thriving, hard-working, organic community compelled to press into the space of a generation the civic growth that elsewhere has been the outcome of centuries. The remarkable thing is that the community has succeeded in doing just that: not the noise or the garishness or the vulgarity or the pretence—except that these qualities are inseparable from the human struggle.

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ZIONISM has been an idea in sharp conflict with opposing ideas: it would still be an idea in conflict, instead of in triumph, if it had not been for the spirit that created Tel Aviv and the boisterous energy that built it. It remains, today, the most vivid and conspicuously dynamic instance of the fervour of Zionism as a means to a practical end. It has grown beyond the ideology that inspired its founding, to become the living reality of a great city by the standards common to great civic communities the world over.

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FORTY years ago, it is told, Tel Aviv was hardly more than sand-dunes and seashore. It is difficult without straining the imagination until it hurts, to contemplate the enormous mental and physical energy that has been crammed into these forty years: houses, shops, factories, workrooms, offices, theatres, schools: then more; and still more—and no longer for the sake of an idea but because the labour of brain and hand created the need for more brain and more hands—the organic seed was there from the beginning and the growth was the natural growth of a civic community that became homogenous in the pride of its own labour.

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TEL Aviv is a living assurance of the potentialities of the State of Israel. If its founders and citizens can do what they have done, the State can do what it has set out to do. Looking back forty years to the sand-dunes and blueprints of Tel Aviv, one can confidently look forward another forty years to a national growth as miraculous, as exciting, as organic; to an end as natural and homogenous. There will be noise; the architecture may be undistinguished; there may be garishness and vulgarity and pretence: that is the way of eager human beings tumbling over each other in the urgent need to build, create; to grow things and raise families; to get themselves and their communities well founded.

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THE basis of it all is hard work. One of the most invigorating experiences to anyone not a native of Tel Aviv is to enter the city early in the morning. It is wide awake soon after daylight. Great trucks are against the sidewalk loading or unloading. The doors of shops and warehouses are open and the to-and-fro traffic of goods shouts down with a laugh the gloomy predictions of economists. There is a hammering and a hissing in the workshops; a piling of bread in the bakeries; a clatter of feet along the pavements and an endless jamming of brakes from the swelling tide of motor vehicles in the streets. One gets the impression that everyone has something to do and is eager to do it and the aggregate is a massive effort. It is a hard-working city and therefore, on the whole, a happy city: a human city, which has thoroughly justified itself without the aid of history or tradition or any resources except its own labour and self-confidence. Anyone who looks down his nose at Tel Aviv looks no farther than his nose.

Tel Aviv, March 25.

Legation to Be Set Up In Canada

The Government has decided to set up a Legation in Ontario, Canada, the Information Service announced yesterday. A minister has not yet been chosen.

At present, there is an Israel Consulate-General in Montreal.

Russia Charges America With Aggressive Aims

PARIS, Saturday. — Russia's Andrei Gromyko denounced America's "aggressive designs" during the meeting of the Big Four Deputy Foreign Ministers today. He charged that the U.S., by doubling her armed forces, is arming for aggressive purposes and quoted recent statements by President Truman and General Marshall on the increase in the U.S. armed forces.

The Deputies' meeting is the 17th since they started three weeks ago to try to draw up an agenda for a future Foreign Ministers'conference. They resumed this morning after yesterday's secret session which had been convened in order to get down to serious business in an atmosphere where delegates would not use the meetings as sounding-boards for home propaganda.

'Breach of Peace'

Mr. Gromyko renewed an earlier charge that the U.S. and Britain have committed a breach of the Italian Peace Treaty by allegedly turning Trieste into a military base for their air and naval forces, and insisted on linking Trieste to the Austrian treaty. He said that the Trieste should not be dealt with under the question of the fulfilment of peace treaties and denied that the Soviet Union was merely using this as a pretext to spin out the Austrian treaty talks, as had been suggested by the British Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Ernest Davies.

The Western Powers were now openly rearming Germany in spite of the Potsdam agreement.

Mr. Gromyko concluded his speech by referring to the level of armaments. He quoted from the Soviet Note to Britain of February 24 and said that the Soviet Government had proved that the Western armed forces were today several times larger than before the outbreak of World War II and twice as numerous as those of the Soviet Union.

The Deputies' next meeting will be on Tuesday.

(U.P., A.P., Reuter)

Peron Claims 'New' A-Bomb

BUENOS AIRES, Saturday. — A "controlled atomic explosion" on a laboratory scale produced at a pilot plant at Huelmu Island, under the direction of an Austrian physicist, was claimed by General Peron at a meeting with local correspondents today.

President Peron, making the first official announcement on atomic work in Argentina, introduced Professor Richter, an Austrian scientist who arrived in the Argentine three and a half years ago and has become an Argentinian citizen, as "the real author of the project." Professor Richter claimed that in his experiments atomic energy had been released by a method superior to that used in the U.S. and without using uranium, the starting material for all processes used or envisaged by U.S. scientists.

Speaking through an interpreter, Professor Richter, (whom some U.S. sources describe as a Nazi atom scientist) said that what was being done in the U.S. with the hydrogen bomb had here been "accomplished in the laboratory and under control."

When newsmen asked what he meant by a "controlled explosion," he said: "It means I can make it or decrease it at my will. When an atomic bomb explodes without control there is frightful destruction. I have discovered how to control the explosion so that it is produced in a slow and gradual manner."

Professor Richter said that the discovery would be used for industrial production in Argentina, and stressed that President Peron has specially asked him to work on the peaceful application of atomic energy.

"QUITE SCEPTICAL"

In Washington, the State Department said it had no official knowledge of any atomic project in Argentina, but recalled that about two and a half years ago a nuclear physicist, reputedly Nazi, had gone there at the invitation of the Argentine Government. Atomic energy officials would not comment on the Argentine claims, but another official concerned with international aspects of atomic energy said he was "quite sceptical of Argentine claims," which he described as "completely suspect." He pointed to the parallel between Argentine's claim that it will use its atomic energy for industrial purposes, and Soviet propaganda of using the atom for peace, and not for war, like the U.S., but admitted he did not know why Argentina should want to develop such line.

Experts in Washington underlined, however, that all known thermo-nuclear processes depend in the last analysis on the nuclear fission of uranium. The hydrogen bomb reaction, which did not require uranium itself, was based on the energy released by the fission of nuclei, and not their splitting. This thermo-nuclear process — by means of which the stars manufacture their energy — required temperatures of millions of degrees.

The only way such temperatures can be achieved on earth, as far as scientists know, is by setting off the atomic bomb, so that even if the actual materials used were light elements such as hydrogen, the process is still dependent on uranium.

"If Argentina has been able to produce atomic energy without uranium it has accomplished something new and sensational," was one expert's comment. "In fact, that seems to be the word for the Argentine claim — sensational."

London's Interest

In London, the British Ministry of Supply, responsible for atomic development, will carefully examine Argentina's claims, a spokesman said.

"The reports sound very interesting," he added.

A source in close touch with nuclear scientists there said it appeared that Argentina had been experimenting with heavy hydrogen atoms. He said the mysterious cosmic rays were believed to be produced in the sun when hydrogen atoms were fused together. In this process intense heat was formed. "Scientists here and in other countries have been studying cosmic rays," the source said, "but as far as I know, there has been no proof yet that cosmic radiation can be used for actual production of power."

From Casablanca it was reported that negotiations are going on in Morocco for the establishment of a French centre of nuclear studies.

New Delhi radio reported that the Indian Atomic Energy Commission has set up a pile for producing radio-active materials and by-products. A nation-wide survey is in progress to assess the country's atomic energy reserves, and deposits of uranium and thorium had been discovered, he added.

(Reuter, U.P.)

Pay Rise Stops French Strike

PARIS, Saturday, (Reuter).— Main line railway services throughout France began to return to normal today following the French government's decision last night to raise wages for all workers in the Paris area by over 11½ per cent. The minimum hourly Paris wage goes up from 78 to 87 francs, and the provincial equivalent from 64 to 74 francs.

Today, with three quarters of the French trains running to schedule, M. Antoine Pinay, Minister of Transport, announced that all railway workers who had not returned to work by midday today would be considered to have deserted their posts, and be dismissed. The position was confused by the fact that many workers had not heard of the cancellation of the strike, and even more by the vagueness of the Communist stand.

Communists Waver

The Communist-controlled Federation of Labour, on hearing the government's wage decision hailed it as "a victory of the working class," but later in "L'Humanite," Communists claimed that the demands of the worker "were not satisfied."

No settlement had been reached tonight of the 10-day stoppage of the Paris bus and underground services. The Paris transport strike committee was meeting tonight and was believed to be prepared to open negotiations with their state employers.

There was a threat of new strikes in the northern coalfields and unrest was manifest among the workers of Air France where the majority of the staff authorized their leaders to order a strike from next Tuesday.

The Cabinet is meeting tomorrow to "fix new salary scales."

1,500-Year-Old Custom Revived In J'lem to Celebrate Easter

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Christian custom of 1,500 years ago symbolizing the rekindling of light was revived at an Easter Vigil midnight service in the Dormition Abbey on Mt. Zion last night. In the early centuries of the era the Vigil took place in the night preceding Easter, but it was later advanced to Sunday morning.

The Abbey Church was dark when the small congregation gathered there at about 11 o'clock outside the Church portal. The Apostolic Administrator of the Dormition, the Very Rev. Father Leo Rudloff, O.B.E., kindled a flame by rubbing two twigs together, blessed the flame and from it lit the Paschal candle.

The candle was carried into the Church by the Deacon who lit all the Abbey candles and then placed the Paschal candle in a large chandelier on the altar. The ceremony was followed by Midnight Mass, which was celebrated by Father Rudloff.

High Mass

High Mass will be celebrated at the Abbey at 9.30 a.m. and vespers will be sung at 3 p.m. today and tomorrow. In order to facilitate attendance at the services, the government has lifted the order that access to the Abbey area is by special pass only.

A United Protestant and Evangelical Easter Sunrise Service was scheduled for 5.30 this morning at St. Andrew's Church. The service is to be led by a group of visiting U.S. ministers: the Rev. T. G. Stoffer, the Rev. Jesse Towns, the Rev. Nina Johnson, the Rev. Marcus Adair, the Rev. G. A. Gough and the Rev. A. Schneider, and Charles Schneider, of Alberta, Canada. This group will also be in charge of the regular Sunday Combined Evangelical Service in the Y.M.C.A. lecture hall at 7 o'clock in the evening. The morning service will be recorded and rebroadcast over Kol Israel at 3.15 this afternoon.

Study Group

This group of Protestant churchmen is part of a study group from the U.S. and Canada that arrived in Israel on March 19 and are scheduled to leave on Tuesday by T.W.A. They toured Galilee and the Sharon before coming to Jerusalem. The party, which is made up of 47 clergy and laymen, is led by the Rev. Harold W. Gretzinger, who visited Israel last year with Dr. Daniel Poling and the American Christian Palestine Committee.

Members of the diplomatic and consular corps, in full regalia, are expected to cross into the Old City at 7 o'clock this morning. They are scheduled to cross the lines at the Tannous Building in the New Commercial Centre and to enter the Old City through Jaffa Gate, the traditional route.

About 750 persons crossed Mandelbaum Gate for the Easter ceremonies in the Old City during the past three days. Among them were clergy, members of the diplomatic corps and pilgrims. During Holy Week, 250 pilgrims crossed from Israel.

The traditional Easter celebrations have been scheduled for 6.30 this morning at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Memorial for Scots Who Fell in War

In memory of the members of the Scottish Black Watch Regiment who served in Jerusalem between 1937 and 1941 and fell in World War II, the Stirling-Hamilton Memorial will be unveiled at noon today in the vestibule of St. Andrew's Church.

The memorial has been named for Captain Alistair Hamilton who fell in Crete and Captain Mungo Stirling who was killed at Tobruk. The mother of Captain Hamilton, a grand-daughter of Claude Montefiore, will unveil the memorial.

The heat wave of the past few days was broken last night by cold winds and rain. While the meteorological service forecast possible clearing for this afternoon, the wet weather threatened to mar outdoor Easter services.

U. N. RIGHTS FOR 5 CENTS

LAKE SUCCESS, Saturday (Reuter). — A payment of five cents has enabled Paraguay to retain her right to vote in the U.N. General Assembly. Countries which do not pay part of their contributions within two years can be deprived of this right.

Paraguay has paid nothing for 1949, but experts decided that an overpayment of five cents in 1948 could be credited to the following year and was enough to retain her full rights in the organization.

Syrian Cabinet Quits After 12 Hours

DAMASCUS, Saturday. — Syria's 16-day-old Cabinet crisis reached a new peak today when Dr. Nazim el Kudsi resigned from his post as Premier only 12 hours after his new Cabinet had been approved by the Syrian President Hashem el Attasi. Late reports say Independent Khaled el Azzem may be asked to make his third attempt to form a new Cabinet.

Later it was announced that Mr. Rushdi Kihiya, President of the Syrian Parliament, also announced his resignation. Mr. Kihiya, a veteran and respected politician, is one of the founders of the A-Shaab Party, and it is expected that Parliament may be dissolved.

Dr. Kudsi, who handed his resignation to the President at noon today, presented his nine-member Cabinet — composed mostly of members of the A-Shaab Party — to President Attasi last night. The new Cabinet included Dr. Marouf e-Dawalabi, a former minister who had publicly advocated Syria's joining the Russian Bloc; Dr. Faidi el Attasi, a leader of the A-Shaab Party; and former ministers Shaker el Aas, Ali Buso and Dr. Zaki el Knatib, as well as former Defence Minister Col. Fawzi Selo.

Cause of Downfall

The Cabinet's downfall was brought about by Col. Selo's announcement on Saturday morning that he could not cooperate with Dr. Kudsi's Cabinet, despite the fact that the previous evening he had agreed to join it. Col. Selo's refusal followed his conference this morning with the acting Syrian Commander in Chief, Col. Adib Shishakly.

It is thus understood that Dr. Kudsi resignation is again due to the same question that caused his first resignation on March 9 — the question of control over police and gendarmerie, which had now been taken away from Independent Minister Selo and given to Populist Minister of Interior Rashed Barmawa.

The Army insists that police and gendarmerie be under the control of the Defence Minister, and at the same time refuses to accept a Populist for that post. It is understood that Col. Selo was forced to resign in consideration of this policy. *(AP, Reuter, NEABS)*

McGhee Due Here

BEIRUT, Saturday (Reuter).— Mr. George McGhee, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, arrived here today and saw the Lebanese President, Sheikh B'shara el Khoury, and the Premier, Haj Hussein Aweini.

Before leaving Damascus yesterday at the end of his two-day visit, Mr. McGhee told a press conference that "neutralism" was losing ground in South-East Asia and the Middle East.

Mr. McGhee is leaving for Amman on Sunday. On Monday he will visit the Old City of Jerusalem and cross into Israel later in the day for a three-day visit to Israel before returning to Washington.

He is scheduled to call on Prime Minister Ben Gurion and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett in their offices in Jerusalem.

Mr. McGhee is now completing a tour of the Middle East.

EGYPTIAN ARMY BUDGET

The Egyptian Army will ask for an all allocation of £E30m. for the forthcoming 1951-1952 budget, War Minister Mustapha Nosrat Bey told the Egyptian parliamentary finance committee in Cairo on Friday, according to an ANA report.

IRAQ JEWISH PROPERTY

The amount of Jewish funds frozen so far in Iraq is 6m. dinars, according to an ANA report from Damascus. The value of Iraqi Jewish property frozen so far is said to have exceeded 12m. dinars.

MacArthur 'Wipes Out' Parallel, 8th U.N. Forces to Cross at Will

TOKYO, Saturday (Reuter). — General MacArthur announced today he had directed the 8th Army to cross the 38th Parallel again "when and if security makes it tactically advisable." The Parallel has no military significance, he added, "our naval and air forces cross it at will, and our ground forces have done so in the past."

A few hours earlier the U.N. Commander renewed his offer to meet the Korean Field Commander with a view to arranging a truce, stressing that through a truce the political objectives of the U.N. in Korea could be accomplished without further bloodshed. He said, however, that the Korean conflict should be "settled on its own merits, without being burdened by extraneous matters not directly related to Korea, such as Formosa or the question of China's seat in the U.N."

The term "38th Parallel" is now taboo for U.S. Army officers, a spokesman said in Korea today. The brief order did not give any reason for the ban nor did it offer any alternative description of the border between north and south Korea.

Military operations in Korea were running "according to schedule and plan," General MacArthur said.

Exploit Weakness

"It is becoming increasingly evident that heavy destruction along the enemy's lines of supply caused by our round-the-clock massive air and naval bombardment has left his troops in the forward battle area deficient in requirements to sustain his operations.

"This weakness is being brilliantly exploited by our ground forces.

"The enemy's human wave tactics have definitely failed him as our forces have become seasoned to this form of warfare and he is showing less stamina than our own troops under the rigours of climate, terrain and battle."

General MacArthur added: "Of even greater significance than our tactical successes has been the clear revelation that Red China with such exaggerated and vaunted military power lacks industrial capacity to provide critical items essential to the conduct of modern war."

U.S. Troops in Korea May Get Atom Arms

WASHINGTON, Saturday, (UP). — U.S. troops in Korea and elsewhere may soon get new secretly developed arms, including atomic weapons, Defence Secretary George Marshall disclosed tonight.

"Efforts put into scientific research and development over the last few years have brought dividends not only in the atomic field, but in many other areas as well," General Marshall said in his first semi-annual report since becoming Secretary for Defence.

Already in use in Korea is the post-war "bazooka" anti-tank gun, but the army has declined to confirm reports that the new jeep-mounted 105 mm. rifle is ready for use in the battlefront.

General Marshall tonight said that the West is developing European defence forces adequate to deter Soviet aggression, but still "hopes to avoid the impact of general war."

Truman Safeguards Panama Canal

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — President Truman issued strict regulations today to safeguard ships and waterfront facilities in the Panama Canal Zone from sabotage or other subversive acts. Acting under a search and seizure law passed last August the President based his order on a finding that the security of the U.S. "is endangered by reason of subversive activities."

He authorized the Governor of the canal zone to enforce the order which includes authority to visit and search ships and harbour facilities.

Israel to Attend Algiers Meeting

NEW YORK, Saturday, (Reuter). — Israel will be represented at an international conference on aerodynamics opening in Algiers on Monday to discuss aerodynamic and meteorological problems of the desert, according to Dr. Theodore Von Karmen, American delegate who left here last night by air for the meeting.

Von Karmen is chairman of the U.S. Air Forces Scientific Advisory board.

Britain, France, Holland and Belgium will also be represented at the conference.

Main Chinese Forces Out of S. Korea

TOKYO, Saturday, (Reuter). — The whole U.N. line in Korea lay poised across the peninsula today, with only a few kilometres to go to the 38th Parallel, as virtually all Communist resistance had been broken by the linkup between advancing ground forces and thousands of American paratroopers dropped at Munsan, 40 kms above Seoul, in a surprise operation yesterday.

Strong opposition near Uijongbu in yesterday's two-pronged push from Seoul was the only indication that Communist forces had not withdrawn entirely into northern territory.

The Commander of the paratroopers, Major Charles M. Holland, said today his men had cleared all Chinese south of the Imjin river and had captured sufficient arms to support reports that the drop had upset plans for a counter-offensive by 5,000 Chinese against the southern capital. They had established a defence perimeter north of the town and the main line now ran due east to a few kms. above Chunchon in the centre.

Traps Fail

Lt. General Sir Richard Gale, director of training at the British War Office, said here today he thought the Chinese were trying to tempt General Matthew Ridgway, Commander of the 8th Army, into a hasty advance but had so far failed to induce him to outrun his supplies.

The Americans, however, had hoped to trap 15,000 men — two divisions — but only 87 Communist prisoners were taken around Munsan and the Communist forces had apparently already abandoned the Imjin river area.

Paratroopers and a mechanized task force, including British tanks, had little difficulty in establishing a defence perimeter north of shattered, deserted Munsan 15 kms. below the 38th Parallel.

Fewer than 200 Communists were killed in the great airborne operation in which thousands of paratroopers and tons of equipment had been dropped from an Armada of 145 transport planes.

T.A. Growth Typifies Harmony Of National, Private Enterprise

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The first monument in this city was unveiled in Founders' Square here yesterday by Mayor I. Rokach. It commemorates the first 66 families who founded the town 42 years ago. Survivors of the founders and their descendants attended the ceremony, and each family received a small replica of the monument inscribed with their name.

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, who represented the Cabinet, said that Tel Aviv was an example of how private and national enterprise had worked in harmony. The first mortgage for the project, initiated by a group led by the late Akiva Arieh Weiss, was arranged through the endeavours of the late Dr. Arthur Ruppin, who represented the Zionist Organization.

The story of Tel Aviv, Mr. Sharett said, was remarkable for the conflicting theories which were voiced at its beginning. One theory said that the Yishuv should not abandon the historic city of Jaffa, but should try to expand in it in order to gain control there.

The other theory said that the Yishuv must build from the beginning in a locality where outside influence might not mar its natural development. History proved that both theories were right, he said.

'Responsible for Our Fate'

"We have now the great honour to be responsible for our own fate," Mr. Sharett said. The right to shape one's own future, which is the natural right of every nation, was denied to the Jews for a very long time. Even in Tel Aviv, Mr. Sharett recalled, the first Mayor, Meir Dizengoff, and his successor, Mr. Rokach, had to fight against foreign controls.

"Because of that, we could not plan properly. Much must be repaired now with the help of the Government," he added. A monument for the first builders everywhere in the country should also be erected, Mr. Sharett proposed.

Mr. Sharett was a pupil at the Herzlia College, one of the first landmarks in Tel Aviv.

The history of the town was related by Mr. David Smilansky, one of the five members of the first board of Ahuzat Bait, the company which planned Tel Aviv.

Rabbi Y. I. Unterman, Chief Rabbi of the area, recited a special prayer for the occasion.

Tel Aviv's First Boy

Mayor Rokach, who said he was born in N'veh Zedek, a northern suburb of Jaffa, opened the ceremony. He later distributed the souvenirs to the founders' families, who walked round the monument to be shown their names on the plate by Mr. Aharon Danin, the first boy to be born in Tel Aviv. The ceremony was closed by the playing of the Hatikva.

Fourteen couples of the 66 families were present at the ceremony. There were 14 widows and two widowers. Other families were represented by children and grandchildren—one grandchild came recently from the U.S. Five families could not be traced, Mr. Y. Nedivi, the Town Clerk, said.

The gathering was seated round the pool in Shderot Rothschild, on the spot where the first water tower once stood. Those present included members of the Municipal Council and other notables.

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U.N. to Resettle 50,000 in Sinai

NEW YORK, Saturday (INA) —The U.N. announced yesterday a plan for the resettlement of 50,000 Palestine refugees in the Sinai desert. The project will be carried out with the full co-operation of the Egyptian Government which suggested it.

The U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees in the Near East "hopes to make the desert bloom as it did in biblical times."

A team of experts consisting of a geo-physicist, a soil chemist, and several agricultural specialists will be sent to the area to prospect for water and make other preliminary studies.

Apart from its agricultural possibilities, the area is reported to have mineral resources, copper and turquoise being mined there in early times.

Mr. James Keen, Deputy-Director of UNRWA, has arrived in New York to recruit a number of experts for the programme.

THREE DIE OF ROAD INJURIES

HAIFA, Saturday. — Avraham Sadia, 46, of Kiryat Motzkin, was run over and killed by a Shahar bus when he fell under the vehicle's rear wheels while getting off at Kiryat Motzkin station on Thursday.

The driver was detained and released on bail.

Haya Bercovitz, 50, of Affuleh, who was injured in the accident near Ein Shemer on March 11, when an Egged bus overturned, died on Thursday in hospital.

PETAH TIKVA, Saturday. — Mr. Meir Davidovich, 29, died on the way to hospital here today after being found injured on Rehov Stampfer. It is believed that he was the victim of a road accident. The police have opened an investigation.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The French National Assembly last night postponed the final vote on the bill for electoral reforms till April 3.

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Social & Personal

Prime Minister Ben Gurion received Mr. Moshe Halevy at the Galei Kinnereth Hotel in Tiberias on Thursday, and heard from him a report on plans for the establishment of a Biblical Theatre in Jerusalem.

Mr. Moshe Shapiro, the Minister of the Interior, Health and Immigration, is expected to leave for the U.S. on Wednesday.

A three-day world convention of Agudat Israel will be opened in Jerusalem today. Members of the Agudat Israel World Executive from London, New York and Jerusalem will take part.

A programme of "Songs of the Jewish People" will be given at 8.30 tomorrow evening at the guest hall of the Ministry of Education and Culture in Jerusalem.

Mr. Ernst Mach, Managing Director of "Tuval Yerushalayim," and Mrs. Mach, left today on a business trip to the U.S.

Mr. M.E. Friedman, Manager of Orientours, Jerusalem, has changed his name to M.E. Perry.

The public rooms of the Sharon Hotel will be closed tonight owing to a Ball held by the General Zionist party.

BIRTH

BERKOW — To Mimi, née Wilsker, wife of Mr. Gerry Berkow, on March 19, at Pretoria, South Africa — a son.

I.P.O. Members Due At Lydda Today

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The first group of 54 members of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra are due to arrive at Lydda Airport tomorrow morning aboard El Al's second Constellation aircraft now being delivered for service. The rest of the Orchestra and the instruments will arrive within the next week.

El Al is planning to open its Lydda-New York service at the beginning of May. Aboard the first plane making the flight direct from Israel to the U.S. will be Prime Minister Ben Gurion.

Deputy U.N. Chief Here in Hospital

Colonel Bennet L. de Ridder, Acting U.N. Chief of Staff, underwent an appendectomy at the Augusta Victoria Hospital on Mt. Scopus on Thursday. His condition was reported last night to be good, and he is expected to leave hospital within 10 days.

The Hebrew National
OPERA
TEL AVIV: Habimah
Tuesday, March 27, 8 p.m.
Rigoletto
with *S. JANKOVIC* in the role of "RIGOLETTO."
Conductor: M. GOLINKIN

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Plan for Mid-East Arsenal Outlined

A scheme to turn this country into a workshop for the Western Allied defence effort in the Middle East has been disclosed by Flora Lewis, "Observer" correspondent in Tel Aviv. The plan is based on the role which Palestine industry played during the last war as a supply centre for British Mediterranean forces.

No decisions have been taken as yet, and there has been no formal authorization for the Israel Government to conclude the agreements such a scheme would require, the correspondent states.

Industrialists, trades union leaders and government officials have come to consider the "Western defence workshop" plan as feasible, she writes. They envisage the use of Israel's industrial capacity for the production of supplies needed not only by British and American forces in the Middle East, but also for delivery to such countries as Greece and Turkey under Allied aid programmes. It is claimed that Israel could produce many of these supplies and deliver them more quickly and more cheaply than is now being done.

Haifa Bunkering

During the last war, Palestine supplied the British forces with a long list of goods that ranged from processed foods and uniforms to land mines and special lorry bodies. Haifa port served as an important repair and bunker station, and could easily do so again. In return, Israel would wish to be assured, the correspondent writes, of regular allocations of the materials required — presumably enough to meet essential domestic requirements as well as what would be produced for the Allies.

British and American military officials are believed to favour the idea, according to the correspondent, but it should not be confused with talk, so far apparently quite idle, about establishing bases in Israel or stationing Allied troops here although obviously the kind of economic agreement envisaged would serve to tighten the links between this country and the West, Miss Lewis observes.

There appear, however, to be political objections from the Western point of view, mainly because of the fear that any such arrangement with Israel would antagonize the Arabs. The Americans seem far more impressed with this argument nowadays than are the British, and a much more careful balancing has been noticeable in Washington's relations with Israel and its Arab neighbours than is the case with London. The British now tend to view such suggestions more on its own merits, while the Americans continue to talk about the necessity of keeping "regional considerations" (that is, Arab and Israeli tensions) uppermost.

Increase in American Diamond Prices

NEW YORK, Saturday (UP). —The price of rough diamonds destined for the American market has been increased by 10 per cent, it was announced here yesterday.

Although a price increase on industrial diamonds is also expected, these increases have not yet been made public, according to the Diamonds Manufacturers and Importers Association of America.

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Histadrut Merges Two Banks To Aid Financial Services

The second largest bank in Israel has been formed by the amalgamation of the Workers' Bank, Ltd., of Tel Aviv, and the Kupat Milveh, of the Histadrut. The new institution, which has functioned under the name "Workers' Bank, Ltd." since the beginning of the current year, will help centralize the financial instruments of the Histadrut and will be used to develop communal settlements and Histadrut organizations. It will carry on the different tasks of the two firms which merged to form it.

The banks which were coalesced in the merger will forgo publication of their end-of-1950 balance sheets, but a statement showing the status of the "new" Workers' Bank on January 1, 1951, will reveal the following items: — Share capital (paid up) and open reserves will soon aggregate approximately IL.1m. and deposits, and savings will reach IL.16m. There will also be special funds of IL.5m., representing the participation of various outside organizations in "joint" loans to be granted by the Bank.

Loans advanced by both institutions during the past year totalled IL.16m.; advances outstanding on January 1 of this year were IL.15m. The bank also disposed of Treasury Bills in the amount of IL.3m., Government Bonds worth IL.650,000 and a cash reserve of approximately IL.2.5m.

Different Clients

The old Workers' Bank and the Kupat Milveh served distinctly divergent types of clients. During the 30 years of its existence, the Workers' Bank concentrated its activities around the administration of deposits of relatively big clients and the granting of loans to central Histadrut institutions, cooperatives and settlements, rather than to individuals. Its business was conducted by a relatively small number of officials in a single office.

Kupat Milveh in Tel Aviv, on the other hand, was the bank of thousands of small clients, and had a widespread network of branches in such towns as Ramle, Lydda, Beersheba, Holon, Migdal Gad, and others. These branches have been transferred to the new Workers' Bank, which, according to a decision of its Board, will continue to serve the interests of the small individual clients of Kupat Milveh. A special department has been opened to grant small loans according to terms previously extended by Kupat Milveh.

IL.160,000 Shares

A part of the IL.160,000 worth of shares which will be added soon to the Bank's authorized capital of IL.850,000 will be issued to members of the former Kupat Milveh in Tel Aviv in exchange for their Kupat Milveh shares. The balance will be offered for sale to clients. It is understood that shareholders in the former Workers' Bank, Ltd. receive a dividend for 1950 of four and one-half per cent for ordinary shares (the same as paid for 1949) and of five per cent. for preference shares.

Two new financial institutions have been recently established with the assistance of the new Workers' Bank—Gmul Co. and the Mortgage Housing Bank Co.

The latter is a joint partnership of the Workers' Bank with the housing companies of the Histadrut. The Housing Bank will grant mortgage loans on Histadrut housing projects. Its 1951 programme provides for financing the construction of 9,200 housing units, to be built in part by loans to Histadrut veterans, members of the Regular Army, immigrants and regular members of the Histadrut.

The sum involved is approximately IL.4m.

Loans will not be extended to individual debtors, but only to groups and housing cooperatives affiliated with the Audit Union of Housing Cooperation.

Provident Funds

The "Gmul" Company is a joint enterprise of the Workers' Bank and the Provident Funds. The Company will centralize the resources of the funds and utilize them in such a manner as to assure the interests of Provident Fund members and at the same time to apply the resources to the greatest benefit of Histadrut institutions.

Owing to lack of adequate accommodation for so large an organization as the new Workers' Bank, the Bank will maintain offices in the buildings of the former Workers' Bank and of the Kupat Milveh in Tel Aviv.

The Board of Directors of the new firm will include members of both banks. It is planned to maintain close ties between the Bank and the various Kupat Milveh branches, the Kupat Milveh Centre, and the Audit Union of Workers' Cooperative Credit Societies.

Churchill Pays Tribute to Bevin

LONDON, March 18. — Mr. Churchill, in a party political broadcast last night, paid a warm tribute to Mr. Bevin.

"Although I differed from him in his handling of many questions, I feel bound to put on record that he takes his place among the great Foreign Secretaries of our country, and that in his steadfast resistance to Communist aggression, in his strengthening of our ties with the United States and in his share of building up the Atlantic Pact, he has rendered services to Britain and to the cause of peace which will long be remembered...

Nation Divided

"Our country is in a position of danger and perplexity. Abroad, things are bad, and we are becoming ever more divided at home. At a time when it would take our whole genius and united strength to cope with our troubles and ward off our perils we are more sharply and evenly separated than I can remember in a long life.

"In 1940, at the time of the Battle of Britain, everyone could see our danger was very great. In my opinion, the dangers which many of us cannot see are even greater now. But then we were a united people; now we are absorbed in party strife," the Opposition leader declared.

JAPAN, KOREA DISCUSS NEW TRADE PACT

TOKYO, Saturday (Reuter).— Two South Korean government officials have arrived in Tokyo to discuss with the Japanese Government renewal of the Japanese-Korean trade pact, expiring at the end of March, the Kyodo news agency has reported.

Talk will start next Thursday at General Douglas MacArthur's H.Q.

ON THE AIR

TEL AVIV: 43.9, 33.3 & 532 M.; JERUSALEM: 407 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 6, 8.30 and 10.35 p.m.; English: 2 and 10.15 p.m.; Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; French: 3 p.m.; Turkish: 10 a.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 7.45 Oriental Music: R. Amar. 8.30 Close Down.

9 a.m. Greek Orthodox Service (Relayed from Nazareth). 10.30 Music (R). 11.00 Musical Calendar (R). 12.00 N. Break for Music (R). 12.30 Programme for Hospitals. 1.00 Soldiers' Programme. 1.45 "Chess Championship Tourney." Talk by S. Hon. 2.15 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 4.30 Dance Music (R). 4.45 Vocal Recital: Vlaka Savin. 5.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra (R). 5.30 Film Review. 5.45 Music Programme. Announcements. 6.15 Messages from Immigrants. 6.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Agricultural Corner. 7.45 Bible Reading. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.00 Commentaries. 8.45 "The Citizen Wants to Know..." 9.00 "Ohel's" "The Doctor's Dilemma." 9.45 From the World of Music. 10.30 "Is It Reb Haim's Worthwhile" A Series of Metata Verses. 11.00 Light Music (R). 11.15 Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour ([illegible] M.): 7.00 p.m. Yiddish; 7.30 p.m. Ladino; 7.45 p.m. French; 8.00 p.m. Rumanian; 8.15 p.m. Hungarian.

Kol Zion Lagola (25.2 M.): 12.00 M. Newsreel. 12.15 "Personal Column" by W. Eytan. 12.30 "Mordecai Manuel Noah" by Y. Shalevitz.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (31.32 and 24.92 M.): 6.30 News. 6.33 News Talk. 6.43 Programme Parade. 6.48 Requests.

ARMY PROGRAMMES: (230 M. 224 & 44.6 M.): 6.30 p.m. Programme Announcements. 6.33 Variety. 7.00 Land Forces Programme. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Sports. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.30 News. 8.40 Interlude. 8.45 Talk. 9.00 Hebrew Folk Dances. 9.30 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

JERUSALEM Y.M.C.A.
EASTER SERVICES — MARCH 25
8 p.m. — Christian Fellowship Hour "The 'Y' Singers" in Selections from "The Messiah" by Handel & the "Ave Verum" by Mozart.
8.30 p.m.—Recorded Concert of Sacred Music.
Both programmes in the Music Lounge
The public is invited

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Bruchstein, Rehov Herbert Samuel (Zion Cinema), 3374; Zichron Moshe, Rehov Isaiah (near Edison).

TEL AVIV: Magen David, 35 Allenby, 6426; Singer, 63 Herzl, 4733; Blumenfeld, 306 Dizengoff, 2049; Hagalil, 80 Ben Yehuda, 3356. **JAFFA:** Glinka, 19 4th St., 80429 (opp. Zorfati Factory).

HAIFA: Nordau, 13 Nordau, 4039; Wadi Nisnas, 28 Khuri, 4197.

Sport Round the World

Dick Savitt (U.S.) beat compatriot Budge Patty, 6/3, 9/7, 4/6, 6/3, to win the men's singles final of the International Tennis Tournament at San Remo (Italy) recently. In the men's doubles, Gianni Cucelli and Marcello del Bello (Italy) beat Ronaldo del Bello (Italy) and Savitt, 10/8, 6/1, 4/6, 6/3. Doris Hart (U.S.) won the women's singles defeating Annabella Bossi (Italy), 7/5, 6/1 in the final. Shirley Fry (U.S.) and Ronaldo del Bello gained the mixed doubles. Brother Marcello was the losing male partner of an Italian pair in the last game.

The English F.A. have announced the following 17 players to tour Australia in the summer: Goalkeepers: E. Burgin (Sheff. U.) and Sam Bartram (Charlton Ath.). Fullbacks: H. Bamford (Bristol R.), J. McCue (Stoke C.), and F. Lock (Charlton Ath.). Halfbacks: Reg Flewin (Portsmouth), S. Owen (Luton T.), Frank Mitchell (Chelsea), and J. Shaw (Sheff. U.). Forwards: Frank Broome (Notts. C.), G. Hurst (Charlton Ath.), H. Webster (Bolton W.), W. Smith (Birmingham C.), Ike Clarke (Portsmouth), J. Sewell (Notts.C.), Jimmy Hagan (Sheff. U.), and Bobby Langton (Bolton W.). The party is to be completed by the addition of another halfback later. This is the first all-professional team to tour Australia. Games are also expected to be played in New Zealand.

Jim Dear, of London, retained his world racquets championship recently by defeating John Pawle, former British amateur champion, by eight games to two. Dear has held the title since 1947. Racquets, a game which originated in an English debtors prison and later became almost dominated by high society in England and the U.S., is played on a four-walled court. A one-inch ball covered with kid is used with a racquet about 30 inches long with a circular head seven or eight inches in diameter.

Maurice Sandreyon, of France, former European flyweight champion, will meet Peter Keenan, of Scotland, in a 10-round bout in London on March 20. This will be Keenan's last fight before he meets Danny O'Sullivan for the British bantamweight title.

Andreas Ostler, German bobsled world champion, lost the German four-man bobsled title at Hahnenklee recently. He was defeated by 52-year-old Fritz Wiese, 1932-1934 German champion. Wiese dashed through the 1,250m. long course in 2 mins. 17.0 secs. for two runs with Ostler taking 1.9 secs. longer. Ostler won the two-man bobsled German title in January with team-mate Lorenz Nieberl, and still retains his world title.

The Turkish national team will play an all-star soccer team from West Germany on June 17 in the Berlin Olympic Stadium. This will be Germany's third international meet since her readmission to the International Football Federation (F.I.F.A.) last Fall. The Germans beat Switzerland last November by 1-0 in Stuttgart, and a return match is scheduled for April 15 in Zurich. The Berlin Stadium holds 100,000 and was built by Hitler for the 1936 Olympic Games.

Poly Wolpath, of Switzerland, won the Goernergratt Derby, the longest women's downhill ski race, at the international meeting held there last week. She completed the 6 km. course with a drop of 1,600 m. in 6 mins. 41.8 secs. Jeanette Burr, U.S., was second in 7:04.1.

The English F.A. has appointed W. Ling (Cambridgeshire) to referee the Cup Final at Wembley on April 28. Linesmen will be C. Fletcher (Cheshire) and R. J. Burgess (Oxfordshire). The present soccer season will be extended for one week to May 12, because of games postponed due to bad weather.

Zeno Colo, Italian skiing ace, won the men's downhill race of the "Aalberg Kandahar" annual competition. The Austrians, Christl Pravda and Othmar Shneier, were second and third respectively.

SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT

A.J. Falkland, Sw., paper, gen. cargo.
Hashlosha, Is., gen. cargo.
Piast, Pol., loads citrus.
Kypros, Br., loads citrus.
Genevieve Lykes, Am., gen. cargo.
Olsztyn, Pol., gen. cargo.
Scio, Hond., gen. cargo.
Uzice, Yug., wood.
Lica Maersk, Dan., barley.
Amarna, Br., gen. cargo.
Tel Aviv, Is., gen. cargo.
Christine, Am., wheat.
Brucia Tutto, It., wood.
Dromit, Is., waits offloading.
Monterdizio, It., gen. cargo.
Galilah, Is., in repairs.
A.M. Normingen, Finn., wood.
Fillipo Grimani, It., embarking passengers.
Pirlant, Turk., completed offload.
St. Antonio, It., waits offloading.
Hamored, Is., carob.
Rocco, It., in repair.
N. Vaptsarov, Bul., carbide & coal.
Torus, Turk., wood.
Sovac Daylight, Pan., offloads loose cement.
Elefsis, Greek, awaiting unload.
Giulioia, It., awaiting unloading.
Selahattin, Turk., awaiting unloading.
Elen Maersk, Dan., awaiting unloading.
Richard Borchard, Brit., awaiting unloading.
Traki, Turk., awaiting unloading.
Tisza, Hung., awaiting unloading.
Elsa S., Den., awaiting unloading.
Plehanov, Rum., awaiting unload.
Tafonit, Is., awaiting unloading.
Kartaltepe, Turk., awaiting unloading.
Yozgat, Turk., awaiting unloading.
St. Michele, It., awaiting unload.
Siwa, Swed., awaiting unloading.
Nazim, Turk., awaiting unload.

SAILINGS DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS

Gavriel	Is.
Arabian Prince	Brit.
Dobroudja	Bulg.
Yeniufak	Turk.
Komemiut	Is.
Artza	Is.
Transilvania	Rum.

SHIPS EXPECTED

23.3	Negbah	Immigrants, gen. cargo.
23.3	Benaderon	to load citrus.
23.3	Mentor	to load citrus.
24.3	Rio Bien	gen. cargo, meat.
24.3	Wilpo	gen. cargo.
25.3	Arnafjell	gen. cargo, cement.
31.3	Koksal	
—	Exilona	flour, food, and gen. cargo.

Local Soccer Results

Yad Le'Asara Cup			
T.A. Maccabi	6	Natanya Mac.	1
T.A. Betar	7	R. le Zion Mac.	0
Haifa Mac.	8	T.A. Mac. Shm.	2
Tiberias Mac.	3	Nat'nya Betar	0
Haifa Mac.	3	Rehovot Mac.	0
Histadrut Cup			
J'salem Hap.	0	P.T. Hap.	0
Rehovot Hap.	5	Jaffa Hapoel	0
Herzlia Hap.	2	M. Hash'va H.	1
Haifa Hap.	4	R.Gan Hap.	3
Kfar S. Hap.	4	T.A. Bnei Y.	0
Gezer District League			
Na'an Hap.	8	Givat B. Hap.	0
Ekron Mac.	4	Kfar Bilu Hap.	2
Upper Galilee League			
Dafne	4	Dan	3
Malkia	3	Kfar Szold	0
Kfar Blum	3	Safad	0
Mayan Baruch	7	Naot M'dechai	1
Northern League			
Degel Yehuda	1	Acre Hapoel	1
Haifa Hakoach	3	Naharia Hap.	1
Dror Hapoel	4	Hahotrim	2
H'fa Port Hap.	6	Kfar Ata Hap.	0
Youth League			
Rehovot Mac.	4	T.A. Betar	3
P.T. Mac.	3	Rehovot Hap.	0
T.A. Hap.	8	R.Gan Mac.	1
Jaffa Mac.	3	T.A. Mac.	1
Kfar S. Hap.	3	Ra'anana Hap.	1
Dror Hap.	0	Haifa Hap.	0
Degel Yehuda	2	Ramat David	0
Friendly Games			
K. Y'kiel Hap.	3	Z. Ya'ac. Hap.	2
R.G. Mac.	1	P.T. Mac.	0

Independence Day Events

The Independence Day celebrations are to include a number of rowing events across Lake Kinneret for various categories of boats and skiffs.

The soccer game for the Jerusalem Cup, donated by the Jerusalem Municipality, also scheduled to take place on Independence Day, is arousing great interest.

Efforts are being made to ensure that two of Israel's top-line teams will fight out the right to retain the trophy for the next year. A record crowd is anticipated.

THURSDAY, March 29 OHEL HALL, TEL AVIV
Piano Recital
YAHLI WAGMAN
PROGRAMME: BEETHOVEN, SCHUMANN, PAGANINI, RAVEL, PROKOFIEFF

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MAURICE SCHWARTZ,
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WILL APPEAR IN THE PRESENCE OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, MR. D. REMEZ.
JERUSALEM: EDISON HALL, on Tuesday, April 10, at 9 p.m.
THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE:
DRAMA, HUMOUR, SONGS FROM THE WORKS OF PEREZ, SHOLEM ALEICHEM, BERKOVITZ, SCHNEUR, etc.
AT THE PIANO: ARIEH SACHS
TEL AVIV: HABIMAH HALL, Wednesday, April 11, 8.30 p.m.
HAIFA: ORAH HALL, Thursday April 12, 9 pm.
RAMAT GAN: RAMA HALL, Tuesday, April 17, 9 p.m.
TICKETS: JERUSALEM: S. Cahane; HAIFA: K. Ginzburg; RAMAT GAN: K. Rechnitz, 57 Rehov Bialik
TEL AVIV: M. Wallin, 1 Rehov Ben Yehuda; Arman, 4 Rehov Hess; Orion Shop, 116 Rehov Dizengoff.

Where to Go

JERUSALEM

9-1; 2-5: Small collection of Indian sculpture. Exhibit of the Month: Original Ceramic Plate by Picasso; Bezalel Museum.

TEL AVIV

10-1; 3-7: Exhibition of paintings by Rico Blass, Kata Art Gallery, 97 Rehov Dizengoff.
10-4: Works by Israel Artists; Tel Aviv Museum.
7.20 & 9.45 p.m.: "Special Appeal;" Li-La-Lo; Yasha Heifetz Hall.
8 p.m.: "Hotel of Commerce"; Chamber Theatre; Mograbi.

HAIFA

8 a.m.-5.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilad.
10-1; 4-6: Municipal Museum, 3 Hassan Shukri Street.

Jerusalem Cinemas

At 3, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.
EDEN: Gone with the Wind (3 & 7.30 p.m.).
EDISON: Africa Screams.
ORION: Wabash Avenue.
SEMADAR: Pepe le Moko. (6.30 & 8.30 p.m.).
STUDIO: The Kid from Brooklyn.
ZION: One Sunday Afternoon.

GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR
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Notices to the Public

SOCIAL SERVICE COURSE

There are still a few vacancies at the Social Service School, Summer Semester, beginning on May 2, under the direction of the Hebrew University. The course is bi-annual. Those possessing a secondary school education, 20-30 years of age, are requested to apply in writing, by April 12, to the Social Service School, 4 Rehov Abarbanel, Jerusalem.

30,220 children were absorbed by the Youth Aliyah up to the end of December 1950, including 21,542 as from the establishment of the State. 15,937 children are at present being cared for by the organisation.

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AMERICAN family seeks 5-6 roomed furnished house for approximately nine months. Tel. 6498, Tel Aviv.
TO LET: Large furnished room with balcony on Mt. Carmel. No kitchen facilities. Guarantee required. Apply: CL/4627, P.O.B. 66, Haifa.

LESSONS

ESPERANTO course starting Monday 8 p.m. 73 Rehov Arlosoroff, Haifa.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

WANTED piano from private party. Augenblick, 37 Rehov Balfour, Tel Aviv. Tel. 3347.
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Haifa	27	—	29	22
Nathanya	27	14	—	22
Hakirya	—	—	—	23
Lydda Airport	26	12	33	24
Jerusalem	21	16	26	20
Beersheba	—	—	—	24

Forecast: Cloudy in morning with scattered showers. Possible thunderstorms mainly in the North. In the afternoon, rapid clearing of clouds becoming fair in the evening over the whole of Israel.

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

670 immigrants and other passengers arrived in the s.s Negbah on Friday.

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Air raid sirens in Tel Aviv will be tested by the sounding of a long blast (the all-clear signal) between 6 and 7 p.m. tomorrow.

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Work accident and compensation returns for 1950 should be sent by employers to the Ministry of Labour, P.O.B. 815, Jerusalem, by April 1.

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393 prisoners and their families received assistance from the Ministry of Welfare during January to September, 1950. **34 new cooperative enterprises** were registered during February, including four settlements, four agricultural associations, eight manufacturing and service enterprises, six stores, nine benefit funds, one municipal credit organization, and two Arab cooperative associations.

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The mobile blood unit of the Magen David Adom will be at Kvutzat Schiller at 7.30 this evening.

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Hold Congress Every 4 Years—Agency

JAFFA, Saturday.—The Jewish Agency Executive will suggest to the Zionist Congress that Congresses be held every four years instead of every second year as heretofore, Mr. Levi Eshkol, Treasurer of the Executive, told a Mapai party meeting here today.

If Iraq places no obstacles in the way of emigration to Israel, the 100,000 newcomers from that country may be expected to arrive before the end of the coming four months, he also said. Immigration from all countries is to be maintained at the rate of 30,000 a month for some months; only once before had this figure been reached in a single month.

Mr. Eshkol said that it was essential to step up immigration from Anglo-Saxon countries to maintain the technical and scientific level of the population. He hoped that manay more young people would come yearly from the U.S.

Within the next three years, Mr. Eshkol said, the waters of the Yarkon would be flowing southward to irrigate the Negev rather than running into the sea. Plans for this were being prepared now, and the giant concrete pipes for this project would soon be in production. It was later hoped to pipe water from Galilee to the Negev.

Mr. Eshkol revealed that plans were being prepared for the construction of a 40-kilometre canal from the Mediteranean to the Dead Sea which would provide power to produce electric current.

11 Painters, Sculptors Win Prizes, Jancu Takes First

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The painter Marcel Jancu, of Tel Aviv, was awarded first place for his painting "Sorrow" in the Dizengoff Prize Competition at the annual meeting of the Municipal Museum here yesterday. Seven other painters and four sculptors also received prizes which totalled IL.1,000.

Most of the recipients are young men and women. Two of the painters — Leon Issakov, who recently arrived from Bulgaria, and Blanca Tauber, also a new immigrant, live in *ma'barot* and did not attend the ceremony.

The prize winners among the painters were: Moshe Mokadi, the Director of Arts in the Ministry of Education, for "The Violinist;" Zvi Mairovitch of Haifa, for "Still Life Against an Evening Landscape," Leon Issakov for "Morning in Sha'ar Ha'aliya;" Yohanan Ben Ya'acov, of Kibbutz Hazorea, for "Evening;" Blanca Tauber for "Trees in the Garden" and Moshe Propes, of Tel Aviv, for "Mother and Son."

The prize-winning sculptures were by Elul Kosso, who was called "one of our best young sculptors" by the jury, for a woodcarving, "A Prisoner;" Shoshanna Heimann, a young sculptress "who suddenly appeared as a mature artist," for a statue, "The Woman;" Rudolf Lehman, for his miniature sculpture, "A Horse;" and Arye Reznick, for "The Gazelles."

Reviewing the activities of the Museum during the past year, Mayor I. Rokach said that 65,000 persons had visited it and that 17,000 had attended 35 concerts there. The Museum's Society of Friends now numbers about 900, 159 more than the previous year.

The prizes were awarded by a jury composed of Dr. A. D. Friedman, Mr. Yohanan Simon and Mr. A. Kolb.

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Zusmanovich, David and Tova; Stiber, Aryeh and wife; Hayutman, Itzhak and Chaya; Chayenko, Moshe and Dora; Chissin, Haim, Iser and Fania; Hanoch, Avraham Gershon and Malka; Tajer, Shmuel and Sultana; Tolchinsky, Baruch and Eyslia; Yehieli, Yehiel and Yona; Cohen, Alexander and Ahuva; Hacohen, Mordechai Ben Hillel and Shifra; Cohen, Moshe and Chusia; Cohen, Shmuel Yohananoff and Rachel; Cohen-Shatzki, Israel and Chaya; Cahane, Eliahu Aharon and Chaya Rishke; Levi, Ben Zion and Sarah; Livni, David and Hinda; Litvinsky, Marcus and Sarah Bila; Mosensohn, Ben Zion and Yaffa; Mizrahi, David and Rosa; Mizrahi, Yosef Nissim and Batya; Metman Cohen, Yehuda Leib and Fania; Mirkis, Shabetai; Ne'eman, Aba and Sarah.

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Aharon Avni, Former Prize Winner, Dead

The death took place in Tel Aviv on Thursday night of Mr. Aharon Avni, the painter. He was 44.

Born in Russia, he came to Palestine in 1924 after having studied art in Moscow. In Jerusalem he studied at the Bezalel School while earning his living as a building worker. Since 1935 he lived in Tel Aviv, directing an art studio for the Histadrut Cultural Committee. He was several times winner of the Dizengoff prize.

Last year, Mr. Avni visited Spain, France and Switzerland.

At the ceremony of distribution of the Dizengoff prizes, Mayor I. Rokach eulogized Mr. Avni. The deceased is survived by a wife and two children. The funeral took place on Friday at the Nahlat Yitzhak cemetery.

'Robinson Crusoe' Gets Canary

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A bright green canary — first prize — was awarded yesterday to delighted, seven-year-old David Navon whose Robinson Crusoe costume (complete with makeshift tools and arrows) was judged best at the colourful Purim competition at the Zoo.

The contest, which climaxed one of the most colourful Purim holidays in several years, was attended by 3,000 gaily clad children and 2,000 admiring adults.

Second prize of a rabbit went to a youngster who, dressed as a giraffe, remained anonymous to the crowd because her face was hidden by a long neck made out of a sack. Identity was later established as 10-year-old Judith La'or. Her costume was so realistic that the monkeys in the zoo retreated when she appeared.

Five teen-agers who dressed as a group of coloured folk took third prize.

T.A. Police Find IL.10,000 Loot

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—About IL.10,000 worth of stolen jewellery and other loot discovered by police here this week led to the arrest of two youths yesterday, suspected of committing over a dozen burglaries recently in Ramat Gan and Tel Aviv.

The loot was found in the possession of a third person. Part of it has already been identified by several complainants.

Prison for Man Who Refused Testimony

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A truck owner who refused to give the police information on an accident was sentenced to one month in prison by Magistrate H. Loewenberg in Petah Tikva last week.

The road traffic ordinance was invoked against the owner, Reuven Ettsar, of Mahneh Yehuda. He had refused to disclose the name of the driver who had been involved in a hit-and-run accident with his truck when a donkey rider had been injured last May.

The licence number had been observed by a passer-by, and the accused was arrested the following day.

The strike of workers at the Aged Persons' Home that was declared on Wednesday was called off yesterday after talks in which the Labour Relations Officer for the Jerusalem district participated. The workers are demanding settlement of outstanding wages.

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Imports into Peru may now include drinks, confectionery, tricot goods (except natural silk), textiles and clothing, it was announced yesterday.

Press Supports Request For Grant-in-Aid from U.S.

Israel's request for a $150m. grant-in-aid from the U.S. Government was the principal subject of comment in the press on Friday, when most of the editorials stressed the necessity and justification of the application in the light of Israel's economic difficulties arising from the unprecedented rate of immigration.

"Ha'aretz" (independent) stated that the feeling of shame that some people might have in asking for this type of aid should serve as a healthy spur to each individual to make a maximum contribution towards the economic stability of the State. The feeling of shame was "healthy," it said; however, Israel could not be expected to shoulder her heavy burdens alone.

"Open Door Policy"

"Davar" (Histadrut) saw the request as fulfilment of the stipulation attached to the billion dollar loan not to rely exclusively on aid from world Jewry but to apply directly to foreign governments. The paper also stressed that the application should not be taken to indicate any change in Israel's foreign policy, but as a new stage in the established friendship between the two countries.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) said that Israel's "open door" policy was not only assisting her own sons, but was also easing the obligations of other countries and helping to preserve peace in the Middle East. The Israel tax-payer was carrying a heavier burden than his counterpart in any other country, the paper continued, and was applying to the U.S. for assistance because that country was the citadel of freedom and brotherhood.

"Hatsofeh" (Mizrahi) stressed that Israel had doubled her population in two years, thereby absorbing hundreds of thousands of victims of World War II who would otherwise have become a burden on the Great Powers. The paper said that the request for assistance should not be regarded as identification, and that other States had accepted aid without losing their political independence.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) claimed that Israel's request to the U.S. place her at the disposal of the warmongers.

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GRANDMA COHEN SWIMS 22 KMS.

MIAMI, Florida, Saturday (Reuter). — A 41-year-old Brooklyn (New York) grandmother, Mrs. Harry Cohen, practising for an attempt on the English Channel in August, today swam the almost 19-kilometre stretch between Miami and Miami Beach in six hours.

Her husband and trainer, Harry Cohen, said that owing to an adverse wind and tide Mrs. Cohen swam about 22 kilometres across the strait.

Skilled DP's For US Factories

FRANKFURT, Saturday, (UP) —A team of U.S. Department of Labour experts is recruiting skilled workers from among DP's in Germany and Austria for the U.S. defence programme, U.S. sources here revealed last week.

The first shipload of DP skilled workers is expected to sail for the U.S. in about two months. Offices have been established in six cities to recruit many categories of workers for the U.S. defence effort, which is faced with the threat of an acute labour shortage as its tempo increases. Farmers are most in demand because they are needed to replace Americans who are leaving the farm for the factory as the defence boom gets under way.

The only limit on recruiting is set by DP legislation which set a ceiling of 346,000 which must be completed by June 30, 1952, but it is anticipated that as the U.S. labour shortage becomes more acute the limits would be extended.

A DP Commission spokesman said that there were about 80,000 immediate openings in the U.S. and many more were expected. He explained that part of the scheme was to create a "stockpile" of labour so that when the defence factories need help the trained Europeans will be available.

GERMANS ENLISTED

WASHINGTON, Saturday, (Reuter). — The U.S. Army in Germany is enlisting 2,500 carefully selected male aliens as regular soldiers, the Defence Department announced here today. Congress granted the army powers to recruit foreign nationals last year.

German nationals or nationals of Marshall Plan or North Atlantic Pact countries would not be accepted, said the announcement.

New German Party Causes Rioting

WORMS, Saturday, (Reuter). — German police and French gendarmes restored order when a riot broke out at the foundation conference of the new German Independent Workers' Party here today.

About 250 ex-members of the West German Communist and Social Democrat parties had met under the leadership of Joseph Schappe, former editor of a Communist daily. Mr. Schappe told the conference that the party would fight for Germany's independence from both the "Western Imperialists" and the "Soviet bureaucrats" and praised Yugoslavia.

Fighting started when persistent interrupters, alleged to be Communists, refused to leave.

SPANISH GENERAL DEAD

TETUAN, Spanish Morocco, Saturday (AP). — Lieut.-General Jose Enrique Varela-Iglesias, 60, former war minister, high commissioner of Spanish Morocco since March 4, 1945, and the most important figure in the Spanish army after General Franco, died here today. He had been suffering from leukemia for some time.

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Treaty Would Permit Japan To Rearm; Allies to Stay

LONDON, Saturday (AP). — The U.S. has drafted a peace treaty, placing no limitations on Japan's rearmament, but apparently designed to harness her manpower and industries in the service of the U.N., Western diplomats disclosed today. It might even give Japan the right to defend herself, they added.

The draft, it was reported, contains no clause to stop Japanese rearmament or limit the size of her future army, navy or air force, while at the same time making no provision for the withdrawal of Allied — mainly U.S.—occupation forces.

The informants said the American peace plan was handed recently to the Japanese government by Mr. John Foster Dulles, leader of the U.S. mission assigned by President Truman to secure a peace treaty by the end of the year. It had been circulated as a provisional statement of principles to the non-Communist members of the Far Eastern Commission of nations which helped actively to beat Japan.

Mr. Dulles is expected to act quickly to wind up the series of bilateral agreements which will have the effect of normalizing Japanese relations with the non-Communist allies, and Russian and Communist China opposition to the U.S. proposals are not considered likely here to delay the final conclusion of the projected settlement.

Main Points Agreed

The American treaty draft does not refer directly to Japanese peace treaty security arrangements. It is known, however, that America and Japan already have agreed—outside their peace treaty talks—on the main points of a defence pact. This would give the U.S. and maybe other like-minded powers, rights in Japan. Later, many American diplomats think, it might be extended to become the basis of a general Pacific security pact.

The preamble in the American memorandum reportedly said the purpose of the proposed arrangement is to order relations between the Allies and Japan "on a basis of friendly sovereign levels." It also called on Japan to abide by the general principles of the U.N. Charter.

The American document suggested:

a) Removal of all allied political and economic controls from Japan.

b) Settlement of all disputes over war claims by the International Court. The Allies, however, would remain and dispose of Japanese assets in their territories other than diplomatic and consular properties.

c) The allies would excuse Japan from paying any war reparations.

d) Reduction of Japanese territory to her four main islands.

U.S. to Control Ryukyu

The U.S. would retain control of the Ryukyu and other islands pending their transfer to the U.N. as trusteeship territories. Japan simultaneously would have formally to denounce her claims to all these and other territories — like Formosa, the Kuriles, South Sakhaline and any Chinese territories she occupied before the war.

e) Most-favoured nation treatment would be given to the Allies in trade and commerce until Japan writes a new series of economic agreements.

INTENSIVE SEARCH FOR 'PRENSA' PUBLISHER

BUENOS AIRES, Saturday, (Reuter). — Pro-government newspapers today published photographs and descriptions of Dr. Gainza Paz, proprietor of the independent newspaper "La Prensa," who has eluded a 72-hour police hunt.

The Congressional committee issuing the arrest order charged the publisher with having tried to leave the country and having put before the committee an affidavit alleged to be disrespectful and offensive to Congress.

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Man Who Gave Poison To Goering Arrested

NUREMBERG, Saturday, (Reuter).—A 29-year-old journalist who claimed to have given Hermann Goering the poison with which the Nazi leader committed suicide, was arrested here last week, the West German News Agency reports.

The journalist is Peter Martin Bleibtreu, an Austrian, who allegedly confessed on oath to giving Hermann Goering the poison phial which he swallowed in Nuremberg gaol. Bleibtreu, who was recognized by a policeman when he came to Nuremberg for a few days, wrote a newspaper article jeering at the unsuccessful police attempts to find him.

MISSION. — A technical mission of ten men has been appointed by the International Civil Aviation Organization in Montreal to help Persia develop her civil aviation.

CRASH. — Two jet fighters smashed together in the air in Arizona yesterday, sending one pilot to his death. The other escaped injury in a crash landing.

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VEILS. — The Union of Turkish Women has protested against a newspaper's campaign for a return to polygamy, the veil, and the prohibition of female labour.

AGREEMENT. — Chile and Venezuela have agreed to restore diplomatic relations which had been broken off shortly after the Venezuelan revolution and prior to the installation of the present military junta.

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BRIGHTER OUTLOOK

WITH the budget still under discussion and the Government's anti-inflation and anti-gold profiteering measures still awaited, the public may have been surprised to hear optimistic statements during the past week from responsible spokesmen not usually prone to wishful thinking. Some will be quick to suspect that these were at least in part a "war of nerves" on the panic mongers who have so greatly speeded the turn of the inflation wheel. That much of the countrywide fear experienced over the past weeks was due to deliberate playing of the markets is illustrated by the drop, within a few days, of the price of sovereigns from almost IL.30 to IL.20, in part owing to the threat that gold trading would be controlled to protect Israel's currency. No-one will assume that the true value of the pound rose by half during this period: it is a reasonable conclusion that it also had not dropped in value as much before as the gold merchants were anxious to persuade their customers.

But the official optimism is based on carefully weighed factors. The extra hard currency will come from three sources, if not four.

The first among these is the unexpected success of the United Jewish Appeal in the United States, where results to date indicate that collections may this year match even the former peak year of 1948, when Jews of America witnessed Israel fighting for its existence, and knew that a dollar might save a life. Total income is likely to be greater by a third than last year, and this not only owing to higher incomes as a result of the rearmament production boom, but also due to the understanding of the needs of such emergency immigration movements as that from Iraq.

A second and larger source of hard currency is seen in the fact that even those who were at first sceptical of the prospects of the Israel Bond Issue, are now convinced that Mr. Ben Gurion's concept will in the long run prove the permanent and acceptable means by which the State can finance its needs in the years of great growth. Further, there is the favourable outlook for the grant in aid from the United States, which has enjoyed wide and warm support in both Houses of Congress, despite the expected State Department hesitations. Finally, while it is not to be supposed that the reparations claim from Germany will be honoured immediately or in full, it is yet by no means a negligible factor.

At the same time there has also been a noticeable increase in foreign investments from Western Europe, where fears of war are creating economic insecurity, and causing many Jews to transfer a part at least of their property to this country, while American private investors have been encouraged by the increase of public funds for Israel from the United States. Thus, the sum total of these factors would appear to give good ground for a more optimistic outlook than was prevalent here a few months ago.

CLASS REVOLUTION

THE privilege of talking about their homes in public is held by very few groups, and by none so prominent as that convention of the titled personages of Britain, the House of Lords. The maintenance of their stately homes has become one of the unlikelier charges on a Labour Government; and peers have been swapping ideas on how these vast, antiquated structures can be made into paying propositions in a highly taxed and competitive world. What the public liked, and would apparently pay heavily for, was to ramble round a stately home in which the Lordship actually resided. There was apparently magic of the Hollywood kind in seeing the Norfolk jacket drooping on a peg, the elephant-headed walking stick leaning on the hall-stand, or even the resplendent blue-blooded creature himself, stalking down a vista with the faithful litter of Elkhounds and Borzois yapping at his heels.

THE WEEK IN THE KNESSET

Deadline Killed Budget Debate

By Gerda Luft

IT has almost become a tradition in the Knesset — if we can speak of tradition after only a couple of years — that the budget debate is held under the threat of a deadline. When the first budget was discussed the House had to work overtime in order to finish the business of the yearly estimates before time ran out. The same thing happened when the date for the next budget approached. This time, it was hoped that the Knesset would have acquired the necessary technique for dealing with the complicated task of drafting a policy for the treasury and to scrutinise the use to be made of the tax-payer's money. The last weeks have shown that these hopes were not justified. The debate on the budget began too late and it lost much of its value by the decision of the Minister of Finance to introduce only the estimates for a third of the year because of the impending elections.

It was only in the middle of the ten-hour-debate that the Finance Committee decided to propose estimates for six months, as it was obvious that the new Knesset would be unable to cope with new budget-proposals before the autumn. That this recognition should have come so late is all the more unfortunate as the discussion would have been more significant if members had not treated the proposals as a sort of interim-arrangement. As it was, the feeling that in any case proposals were made for a few months only, together with the wish not to offend would-be electors made the budget debate less searching than was to be desired. Attendance and interest deteriorated when the last act of the unsuccessful drama drew to an end on Wednesday, mainly in order to enable the Finance Committee to begin detailed work on the estimates. Here the essential discussions will take place but they will also have to be hurried since the third reading will have to be finished at this week's session in order to meet the March 31 deadline.

"Church and State"

The topic of the relations between "church and state" came up again in the Knesset last week when a bill was introduced which dealt with the religious councils set up to satisfy the religious needs of the communities. Things are complicated by the legal position in this country which makes these religious councils not only responsible for synagogues, religious baths and so on, but for marriages and the many functions of civil life which come under rabbinical jurisdiction. The term "religious" needs of the citizen is therefore much wider than it should be in a secular community. The problems were attacked from various angles during the two hours of the debate. The indecisive debate only served as a reminder that a reform in the field of personal status in Israel will not only meet with fierce opposition from the religious bloc, but will present problems of an intricate legal nature.

Party Declarations

The declaration of the Foreign Minister on the steps to be taken by the Israel government in connection with the plight of the Jews in Iraq was supported by all the parties in the House. It is however doubtful if the urgency of the case and the determination to do everything possible in order to press on with the airlift from Baghdad were made more impressive by the repetition of identical arguments by representatives of the various parties. This passion for party declarations is, of course, an inheritance of Zionist Congresses and the result of the wish of party representatives to state their case as frequently as possible. But this habit takes up valuable time; it is not helpful to normal parliamentary routine and more often than not detracts from the impressiveness of a government declaration rather than adding to it. If a Minister gives the view of the government and the House does not oppose it then party declarations are surely out of place. They have, however, become almost a habit in the Knesset, and this habit should not be allowed to acquire the sanction of established routine.

Herut Split

One of the Knesset Committees is now dealing with an interesting conflict which has broken out within the Herut faction as two of its members have declared themselves independent and now claim the right to be recognized as a separate faction in the Knesset. Herut claims that the two dissidents should no longer even be recognized as rightful members of the House. This raises the nice problem as to whether a person who has been elected on a party list — and there is today no other possibility of entering the Israel Parliament — can remain a Knesset member once he refuses to bow to party discipline. The Committee has decided to ask experts for their opinion on the matter.

Their verdict is to be awaited with interest. The discussion of whether the present election system of party lists should be replaced by elections in constituencies has hardly started. Now the problem crops up from another angle, as some members claim their right to break free of party bonds after having been elected on the party-ticket. For the coming election there is no hope of decisive changes in the existing election routine. But it looks as if the wish for more personal freedom for the elector is going to grow stronger.

MUSICAL DIARY

Oscar Straus' "Ein Walzertraum," libretto by Felix Doermann and Jacobson, based on a story by Hans Mueller. Hebrew version by Meir Friedman. Performance by the Teatron Musicali at the Edison.

TO those of us who have grown up with this century, the enchanting music of Oscar Straus is sure to evoke memories. "Ein Walzertraum" after its first performance in 1907, was the smash-hit of the Continent, second only to Franz Lehar's "Merry Widow."

That the melodies of the past linger on and are as fresh as ever, was demonstrated by the performance of "Ein Walzertraum" by the Teatron Musicali which opened at the Edison on Wednesday night.

Meir Friedman's Hebrew adaptation has a revolutionary innovation — a happy ending. Instead of Franzi's renunciation of her smiling lieutenant-hero to the Princess Helena, the present Nicki leaves the Princess, (not wishing to be a Prince Consort) and runs away with the vivacious Franzi instead.

The part of the lieutenant was played amusingly, if not romantically, by Yehoshua Stiel, with his light and well-timbred tenor. Sarah Rubin impersonated the attractive Franzi, while Ruth Fishman-Ziziemsky's Princess Helena was adequate. Anni Nacher's lady-in-waiting was a fine performance. The highlight of the evening was — how could it fail to be? — the famous "piccolo-duet."

Asher Bergstein's Prince-regent Joachim, and Shlomo Herman's Prince Lothar, were authentic comedy characters, and Alina Sterniska was very funny as "Tschinellen-Fifi" with the big drum.

Bitush Davidov's production was commendable, with pleasing settings by Jaacov Brachach and excellent lighting effects by R. Treulew, although the costumes of the chorus were somewhat reminiscent of a Purim masquerade. Six dancers inserted a ballet which could have been dispensed with, as it was quite out of style with the rest of the operetta.

The orchestra was not very spirited under the conductor, Konrad Mann. Notwithstanding, it was a delightfully nostalgic evening. Was the "new orchestration" necessary, in the score of a living composer?

Slavic Programme

Except for Mozart's overture to "Figaro" as a curtain-raiser (which had not been billed) Kol Israel's Tuesday night concert at the Y.M.C.A. gave an all-Slavic programme. With Illy Wechsler as soloist, we missed some of the lyrical spirit of Chopin's Piano Concerto in F-minor. The orchestra, conducted by Walter Goehr, offered an animated and stirring performance of Tchaikovsky's "Serenade for Strings," and a rhythmical and vivid rendition of Prokofieff's "Classical Symphony."

Abroad

Menahem Pressler was acclaimed when he appeared as soloist with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra under Dimitri Mitropoulos at the Carnegie Hall, on March 10, in a performance of Chopin's F-minor Concerto. The concert was recorded by the "Voice of America." According to some reviews, it was his best playing so far, and he showed great progress. The young Israel pianist was also soloist with the Philadelphia orchestra under Eugene Ormandy on March 16 and 17 in Liszt's E-flat major Concerto.

FRANGO

New Song Books

Almost simultaneously two new books of songs have been published, one by the Musical Department of the Ministry for Culture and Education in collaboration with the Educational Department of the Tel Aviv Municipality; the other by the Kibbutz Meuhad. Both collections are trying to bring some system into the constantly increasing repertory of songs of various origin, by putting all the more popular ones in print.

"Shiron," the booklet published by the Ministry, is meant for use in the schools, and represents the first volume in a series, the material in this first book being suitable for the younger children. The editors are M. Gross-Levin, M. Daphna, S. Hofmann, E. Amiran-Pugatschov and A. Omer-Grumer. The songs include works by Amiran, Bik, Boscovitz, Gorochov, Handel, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Nardi, Sehavi, Zeiri, together with Oriental, Yemenite and Hebrew folk-songs.

The other book, "Zimron," is edited by Dr. Yoshayahu Spira. Its content is more comprehensive, offering a treasury of songs sung by our children on various occasions. Compositions include works by Ben Haim, Engel, Ferako, Lavry, Karthewsky, Melamed, Nardi, Shelem, Vardina Shlonsky, and Walbe.

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Readers' Letters

HOUSING SHORTAGE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — I bought a three-roomed flat some time ago which was let to a family with one child. I live in a small two-roomed flat and have three children. I have tried to persuade the tenant of the flat to make an exchange with me but have been refused.

What am I to do? Should I drag the case through the courts when a tenant nowadays is protected by law? The policy of the Government is that the tenant is always right. It is high time that a commission was formed to investigate which cases are just and which are not.

Yours etc.
RACHEL BENAIM
Jerusalem, March 11

CINEMA CROWDS. — There was almost a riot at the "Tamar" Cinema in Tel Aviv, a few days ago, when the manager tried to open the doors for the 4 p.m. performance. Four policemen were called in to help him control the crowds. This could be avoided if the entrance was kept clear for about four feet from the door, and one policeman stood by to keep order.

David Lippit
Tourist from the USA
Tel Aviv, March 12.

TEL AVIV ART NOTES

Ceramics by Jean David

JEAN David, whose gifts for creating delightful colour patterns have earned him a devoted circle of admirers, appears in a new guise at the current exhibition at the Mikra Studio where examples of his hand-painted ceramics are now to be seen.

The exhibition consists of some 50 pieces of glazed ware, in the form of plates or tiles, and there is practically no piece shown which it would not be a pleasure to own. The designs are mostly gay and exhilarating and David's capacity for invention and synthesis finds full scope.

Subtle Colours

The artist spent three months at the "Palceramic" factory in Haifa working on these pieces, of which each one is an original work of art. With only a limited range of eight colours at his disposal — no red at all available — he has evolved some enchanting colour schemes in which the contrasts are subtle rather than sharp and I particularly liked the way he has utilized muted greens. Many of the designs are completely abstract but in others he has made use of birds, fish or other subjects of interesting shape as the basis for his designs. A few of the plates have a formalized head imposed on the form of which the most successful, an incisively sculptured profile, uses the Hebrew "shin" as part of the design.

One of Jean David's hand-painted plates at the Mikra Studio.

The process is a complicated one; the colour is painted on to the raw form which is then fired. It is afterwards glazed and re-fired so that there is no danger of the colours losing their lustre. It is a step forward in the applied art of the country when an artist of Jean David's distinction turns his hand to this type of work and it is to be hoped that his influence will raise the standard of other painted pottery being produced here of which too many horrid examples are to be seen in our shops.

S.W.

VITAL SAAR IS 'NO-MAN'S-LAND'

By Lucien Steinberg

THE Saarland is a small area of 2,000 square kilometres situated between France and Germany, on both sides of the middle and lower Saar river. It has less than a million inhabitants, but its coal production makes it one of the richest areas and it has long been an object of military and political dispute.

After World War I, the Saar was entrusted to France, but in the 1935 plebiscite, 90 per cent of the voters voted to return to Nazi Germany. At the end of the second world war, the French Government took over the Saar again. After the Moscow Conference of 1947, the Saar was detached from the French zone of occupation in Germany and given its autonomy in a Customs Union with France. This Saarland was considerably larger than the territory which was allotted to France in 1919.

A Customs Union with France brought the Saarlanders many economic advantages. Germany was still ruined, but the French made a great financial and propaganda effort and started reconstructing Saarbrucken before many French cities had started reconstruction.

Apart from the economic advantages, individual careers of Saarlanders were furthered by the Union with France. Many small local lawyers and other "Herr Doktors" became deputies and high officials.

The French knew that a small country with a German population could not live indefinitely in a Customs Union with France. Open annexation was out of the question. The creation of the Council of Europe seemed to bring an answer to the French misgivings. The French government insisted on the admission of the Saar to this Council, on the same footing as the German Federal Republic. But the Federal Republic continues to oppose this state of affairs.

"We are in no-man's-land" say the Saarlanders cynically. There is a Saar Government which is free to legislate. There is also a French General Resident, M. Gilbert Granval, whose powers are important though somewhat ill-defined, and also a French Ambassador. The military administration in the country was terminated on the first of this year.

The Premier of the Saar Government, Mr. Johannes Hoffmann, is a Catholic. He is strongly opposed to Mr. Adenauer, and a staunch supporter of the autonomy of the Saar. A few weeks ago a bill was passed in his parliament, prohibiting non-citizens of the Saar from taking any public employment, or even private employment, except in the mines and iron foundries. The law is directed against aliens from Germany, and also mentions specifically that it does not apply to French citizens. Its effect is to have as many people as possible apply for Saar nationality.

The Saar will probably return to Germany, perhaps when the Peace Treaty is concluded, for the U.S. may find it advisable to strengthen the hand of Premier Adenauer.

While political discussions go on, the Saarlanders work hard. The city of Saarbrucken will be completely rebuilt by the end of this year. Coal production already exceeds that of 1936 and there seems to be little unemployment. The population heard with little enthusiasm the recent statement of Premier Hoffmann that the Saar was ready to "play its part in the defence of the West." "Ohne uns" (without us) is the popular slogan in the Saar.

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